

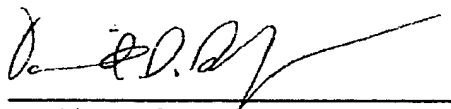
REMARKS

By the above actions, claims 1-6 have been amended. In view of these actions and the following remarks, reconsideration of this application is now requested.

All of the original claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over the combined teachings of the International application of Köhne in view of the German application of Evers. In making this rejection, the Examiner gave no weight to the fact that the present invention is for a reformer of a fuel cell system on the basis that, as presented in the claims, such was a statement that did not differentiate the invention from the prior art. In view of the Examiner's position, the claims have been amended so as to now positive recited the invention as being a "fuel cell system with a reformer and a mixture formation means." Thus, continued rejection of the claims based upon apparatus that has no relationship to fuel cell system with a reformer and a mixture formation means is inappropriate, so that the outstanding rejection should be withdrawn and such action is now requested.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with applicant's representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,



David S. Safran
Registration No. 27,997

NIXON PEABODY LLP
Suite 900
401 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004-2128

Direct Telephone: (703) 827-8094

DSS:kmm
W663393.1